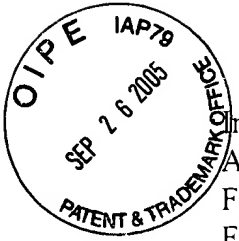


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GLOBAL SELF-SERVICE FINANCIAL
TRANSACTION TERMINALS WITH
WORLDWIDE WEB CONTENT,
CENTRALIZED MANAGEMENT, AND
LOCAL AND REMOTE ADMINISTRATION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination and fee are being filed herewith.

The Final Office Action for this application was issued September 24, 2004, setting a three-month period for response which expired on December 24, 2004, absent an extension of time. On March 24, 2005, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal with a request and fee for three months extension of time extending the period for response to March 24, 2005. An Appeal Brief was therefore due by May 24, 2005, absent an extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination with a request and fee for four months extension of time extending the period for response to September 26, 2005 (September 24, 2005 falling on Saturday) is filed herewith in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Accordingly, this application is pending today, and the Request for Continued Examination and this Amendment are timely filed.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification—no amendments to the Specification are sought herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings—no amendments to the Drawings are sought herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.